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Change of Inventorship Request

1. The request for the deletion of an inventor in this nonprovisional application under 37 CFR 1.48(b) is deficient because:

On 2/26/09 applicant filed a rule 1.48(b) petition to delete co-inventor Corinn C. Fahrenkrug due to the amendment/cancellation of claims. The petition was granted with the allowance on 5/28/09 and inventor Corinn C. Fahrenkrug was deleted.

An RCE was filed on 8/28/09 and the case was again allowed on 10/06/09.

On 12/23/09, a request to withdraw the prior request regarding inventorship was filed. It was indicated that the previous request to delete an inventor was in error and should have instead filed in another application.

Since the previous petition of 2/26/09 was reviewed and granted, the present request to withdraw the previous petition is *DENIED* since as of 12/23/09, the application names one sole inventor.

Although we have a declaration signed by two inventors, a proper and timely filed petition under 37 CFR 1.48(a) is necessary to change the inventorship back to two co-inventors. Since a change of inventorship is considered an "amendment" after Notice of Allowance pursuant to MPEP 714.16 and since the issue fee has been paid, a grantable petition to withdraw from issue must be filed before any 1.48(a) petition may be considered.

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